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(54) DOCUMENT AUTHENTICATION METHODSYSTEMDOCUMENT
GENERATORDOCUMENT AUTHENTICATION DEVICE AND RECORDING
MEDIUM

(57)Abstract:

PROBLEM TO BE SOLVED: To provide a document authentication method or the like that can properly authenticate a document or the like that is exchanged.

SOLUTION: A document issue side calculates a feature quantity D3 as to document image data D2 acquired by reading a paper document D1 pastes a feature quantity image D4 resulting from the feature quantity D3 onto the document image data D2 to generate transmission purpose document image data D5 and prints out a transmission purpose paper document D6. A document receiver side separates a feature quantity image D8 from document image data D7 obtained by reading the received paper document D6 to reproduce a feature quantity (original feature quantity) D9. Furthermore the document receiver side calculates a feature quantity D11 from an original document image D10 from which the feature quantity D8 is separated and compares the feature quantity D11 with the original feature quantity D9 to provide an output of the result of falsification investigation.

CLAIMS

[Claim(s)]

[Claim 1] In [are a document authentication method which attests documents for transfer which published documents for transfer by the document issuing side and were received by a documents receiving area and] said document issuing side In [extract a feature section of a documents picture create characteristic

information based on this feature section stick this characteristic information on said documents picture output a documents picture on which characteristic information was stuck as documents for transfer and] said documents receiving area About a picture which receives documents for transfer and starts characteristic information from a picture of these documents for transfer and by which said characteristic information was started extract a feature section create characteristic information based on this feature section and Said created characteristic information A document authentication method characterized by what said started characteristic information is compared and the justification of said documents for transfer is checked for.

[Claim 2] In [to said document issuing side encipher said characteristic information with a document issuing person's secret key stick said enciphered characteristic information on said documents picture draw up said documents for transfer and] said documents receiving area Said characteristic information which started enciphered characteristic information decrypted said enciphered characteristic information by a document issuing person's public key and was decrypted from a picture of said documents for transfer The document authentication method according to claim 1 characterized by what characteristic information acquired about a picture by which said enciphered characteristic information was started is compared for.

[Claim 3] In said document issuing side and said documents receiving area apply predetermined standard coordinates to a documents picture of a processing object and said characteristic information Information about a position of a feature section in said standard coordinates and the document authentication method according to claim 1 or 2 characterized by a thing of the number of black pixels in said feature section for which at least one of the ** is included comparatively.

[Claim 4] A documents authentication system provided with a document preparing device characterized by comprising the following which draws up documents for transfer and a documents authentication device which attests documents for transfer drawn up by said document preparing device.

A means for said document preparing device to extract a feature section of a documents picture and to create characteristic information based on this feature section.

Stick said characteristic information on said documents picture have a documents output means which outputs a documents picture on which characteristic information was stuck as documents for transfer and said documents authentication device A **** means which receives documents for transfer and starts characteristic information from a picture of these documents for transfer A checking means which extracts a feature section about a picture by which said characteristic information was started compares a preparing means which creates characteristic information based on this feature section said created characteristic information and said started characteristic information and checks the justification of said documents for transfer.

[Claim 5] Said documents output means of said document preparing device enciphers said characteristic information with a document issuing person's secret keyStick said enciphered characteristic information on said documents picturedraw up said documents for transferand said **** means of said documents authentication deviceFrom a picture of said documents for transferby a document issuing person's public keystart enciphered characteristic informationdecrypt said enciphered characteristic informationand said preparing means of said documents authentication deviceAbout a picture by which said enciphered characteristic information was startedextract a feature sectioncreate characteristic information based on this feature sectionand said checking means of said documents authentication deviceThe documents authentication system according to claim 4 characterized by what said said decrypted characteristic information and characteristic information acquired about a picture by which said enciphered characteristic information was started are compared for.

[Claim 6] A document preparing device which draws up documents for transfercomprising:

A means to extract a feature section of a documents picture and to create characteristic information based on this feature section.

A documents output means which outputs a documents picture which stuck said characteristic information on said documents pictureand on which characteristic information was stuck as documents for transfer.

[Claim 7] A documents authentication device which attests documents for transfer generated by sticking characteristic information created based on a feature section of a documents picture characterized by comprising the following on said documents picture.

A **** means which receives documents for transfer and starts characteristic information from a picture of these documents for transfer.

A checking means which extracts a feature section about a picture by which said characteristic information was startedcompares a preparing means which creates characteristic information based on this feature sectionsaid created characteristic informationand said started characteristic informationand checks the justification of said documents for transfer.

[Claim 8] It is the recording medium which recorded a program for operating a computer as a document preparing device which draws up documents for transfer and in which computer reading is possibleA means to extract a feature section of a documents picture for this computerand to create characteristic information based on this feature sectionA recording medium which recorded a program for sticking said characteristic information on said documents pictureconsidering it as a means to output a documents picture on which characteristic information was stuck as documents for transferand making it function and in which computer reading is possible.

[Claim 9] Are a program for making it function as a documents authentication

device which attests documents for transfer generated by sticking characteristic information created in a computer based on a feature section of a documents picture on said documents picture the recorded recording medium in which computer reading is possible and this computer means to receive documents for transfer to extract a feature section from a picture of these documents for transfer about a means which starts characteristic information and a picture by which said characteristic information was started and to create characteristic information based on this feature section and said created characteristic information A recording medium which recorded a program for considering it as a means to compare said started characteristic information and to check the justification of said documents for transfer and making it function and in which computer reading is possible.

DETAILED DESCRIPTION

[Detailed Description of the Invention]

[0001]

[Field of the Invention] This invention relates to the document authentication method etc. which can detect the alteration of the documents and document data which are exchanged.

[0002]

[Description of the Prior Art] The documents authentication system for detecting the alteration of the document data transmitted and received is realized. For example in the system which exchanges document data etc. at the transmitting side such as document data a digest is created using a hash function about the document data of a transmission object and document data and a digest are transmitted to a receiving area. In a receiving area the digest which created and created the digest using the hash function about the received document data and the received digest are compared and if in agreement it will be judged that document data is not altered.

[0003]

[Problem(s) to be Solved by the Invention] However it cannot be said that the above documents authentication systems are preferred when exchanging paper as a medium without electronizing transmitting and receiving documents for example (i.e. when documents are published in paper a receiving area is passed and the receiving area verifies the justification of documents). It is because there is a possibility that it may arise that it is not in agreement with the digest which silverfish dirt etc. may adhere to documents and the read picture of these documents changed by this in transfer of the documents through paper and was given to those documents.

[0004] According to the difference etc. of the accuracy of the scanner which the documents issue-side uses when exchanging documents in paper and the scanner which a receiving area uses. A possibility that the documents picture which is an

issue side and is created about the same documents the documents picture created by a receiving area and ** will completely become the same is very low and distinction of an alteration becomes difficult [a parenchyma top].

[0005] This invention was made in view of the situation mentioned above and an object of this invention is to provide the document authentication method etc. which can perform properly attestation of the documents and document data which are exchanged. An object of this invention is to provide the suitable document authentication method for attestation of the documents exchanged in paper etc.

[0006]

[Means for Solving the Problem] In order to attain the above-mentioned purpose a document authentication method concerning the 1st viewpoint of this invention In [are a document authentication method which attests documents for transfer which published documents for transfer by the document issuing side and were received by a documents receiving area and] said document issuing side In [extract a feature section of a documents picture create characteristic information based on this feature section stick this characteristic information on said documents picture output a documents picture on which characteristic information was stuck as documents for transfer and] said documents receiving area About a picture which receives documents for transfer and starts characteristic information from a picture of these documents for transfer and by which said characteristic information was started extract a feature section create characteristic information based on this feature section and Said created characteristic information Said started characteristic information is compared and the justification of said documents for transfer is checked.

[0007] According to such composition by the document issuing side stick characteristic information created for example about a feature section of document ssuch as a character string on a documents picture and by a documents receiving area. Existence of an alteration is verifiable about documents exchanged by comparing characteristic information created about a documents picture except characteristic information stuck about a picture of received documents and stuck characteristic information. When exchanging especially documents in paper by using characteristic information created about a feature section of documents proper documents can be attested without being influenced by dirt adhering to paper etc.

[0008] In [in said documents receiving area may encipher said characteristic information with a document issuing person's secret key may stick said enciphered characteristic information on said documents picture may draw up said documents for transfer and] said document issuing side Enciphered characteristic information may be started from a picture of said documents for transfer said enciphered characteristic information may be decrypted by a document issuing person's public key and said decrypted characteristic information and characteristic information acquired about a picture by which said enciphered characteristic information was started may be compared. Thereby an alteration of a third party who does not have

a document issuing person's secret key can be prevented effectively.

[0009] In said document issuing side and said documents receiving are predetermined standard coordinates may be applied to a documents picture of a processing object and said characteristic information may also contain at least one of information about a position of a feature section in said standard coordinates and the black pixel numbers in said feature section which is ** comparatively. Thereby when especially transfer documents are paper documents a proper document can be attested without being influenced by resolution of a scanner etc.

[0010] A documents authentication system concerning the 2nd viewpoint of this invention Are a document preparing device which draws up documents for transfer and a documents authentication device which attests documents for transfer drawn up by said document preparing device a documents authentication system which it has and said document preparing device A means to extract a feature section of a documents picture and to create characteristic information based on this feature section Stick said characteristic information on said documents picture have a documents output means which outputs a documents picture on which characteristic information was stuck as documents for transfer and said documents authentication device A **** means which receives documents for transfer and starts characteristic information from a picture of these documents for transfer A feature section is extracted about a picture by which said characteristic information was started and it has a checking means which compares a preparing means which creates characteristic information based on this feature section said created characteristic information and said started characteristic information and checks the justification of said documents for transfer.

[0011] According to such composition in a document preparing device stick characteristic information created about a feature section of document ssuch as a character string on a documents picture and with a documents authentication device. Existence of an alteration is verifiable about documents exchanged by comparing characteristic information created about a documents picture except characteristic information stuck about a picture of received documents and stuck characteristic information. When exchanging especially documents in paper by using characteristic information created about a feature section of documents proper documents can be attested without being influenced by dirt adhering to paper etc.

[0012] Said documents output means of said document preparing device enciphers said characteristic information with a document issuing person's secret key May stick said enciphered characteristic information on said documents picture may draw up said documents for transfer and said **** means of said documents authentication device From a picture of said documents for transfer by a document issuing person's public key may start enciphered characteristic information may decrypt said enciphered characteristic information and said preparing means of said documents authentication device About a picture by which said enciphered

characteristic information was started may extract a feature section may create characteristic information based on this feature section and said checking means of said documents authentication device. Said said decrypted characteristic information and characteristic information acquired about a picture by which said enciphered characteristic information was started may be compared. Thereby an alteration of a third party who does not have a document issuing person's secret key can be prevented effectively.

[0013] A document preparing device concerning the 3rd viewpoint of this invention. It is a document preparing device which draws up documents for transfer. A feature section of a document's picture is extracted and it has a means to create characteristic information based on this feature section and a document's output means which outputs a document's picture which stuck said characteristic information on said document's picture and on which characteristic information was stuck as documents for transfer.

[0014] A document's authentication device concerning the 4th viewpoint of this invention. It is a document's authentication device which attests documents for transfer generated by sticking characteristic information created based on a feature section of a document's picture on said document's picture. A **** means which receives documents for transfer and starts characteristic information from a picture of these documents for transfer. A feature section is extracted about a picture by which said characteristic information was started and it has a checking means which compares a preparing means which creates characteristic information based on this feature section. Said created characteristic information and said started characteristic information and checks the justification of said documents for transfer.

[0015] A recording medium concerning the 5th viewpoint of this invention. It is the recording medium which recorded a program for operating a computer as a document preparing device which draws up documents for transfer and in which computer reading is possible. A feature section of a document's picture is extracted for this computer. A means to create characteristic information based on this feature section and said characteristic information are stuck on said document's picture and a program for considering it as a means to output a document's picture on which characteristic information was stuck as documents for transfer and making it function is recorded.

[0016] A recording medium concerning the 6th viewpoint of this invention. A program for making it function as a document's authentication device which attests documents for transfer generated by sticking characteristic information created in a computer based on a feature section of a document's picture on said document's picture. The recorded recording medium in which computer reading is possible and this computer. A means to receive documents for transfer to extract a feature section from a picture of these documents for transfer about a means which starts characteristic information and a picture by which said characteristic information was started and to create characteristic information based on this feature section and said created characteristic information. A program for

considering it as a means to compare said started characteristic information and to check the justification of said documents for transfer and making its function is recorded.

[0017]

[Embodiment of the Invention] Hereafter the documents authentication system concerning the embodiment of this invention is explained with reference to drawings. The system configuration figure of the documents authentication system concerning this embodiment is shown in drawing 1. This system is provided with the issuing device 1 which publishes a paper document and the authentication device 3 which attests the received paper document (document for transfer) so that it may be illustrated.

[0018] The issuing device 1 is provided with the image input part 11, the inputted image accumulating part 12, the feature calculation part 13, the feature accumulating part 14, the characteristic quantity imaging part 15, the characteristic quantity image storage part 16, the outputted image generation part 17, and the image output part 18.

[0019] For example, including a scanner, the image input part 11 reads the paper document for transfer, acquires document image data, and saves it at the inputted image accumulating part 12. In accordance with the predetermined calculating method for which the document image data saved at the inputted image accumulating part 12 is mentioned later, the feature calculation part 13 computes characteristic quantity about each character string in a document and saves it as characteristic quantity information at the feature accumulating part 14.

[0020] The characteristic quantity imaging part 15 performs a predetermined conversion process to the characteristic quantity information saved at the feature accumulating part 14, changes it into a feature quantity image, and is saved at the characteristic quantity image storage part 16. The outputted image generation part 17 generates an outputted image by sticking the feature quantity image saved at the characteristic quantity image storage part 16 to the document image data saved at the inputted image accumulating part 12. The image output part 18 prints the outputted image generated by the outputted image generation part 17 as a paper document.

[0021] The authentication device 3 The image input part 31, the inputted image accumulating part 32, and the characteristic quantity imaging range specific part 33. The characteristic quantity imaging range coordinates accumulating part 34, the original image restoration part 35, and the original image storage part 36. It has the feature calculation part 37, the characteristic quantity accumulating part 38, the feature quantity image slicing part 39, the characteristic quantity image storage part 40, the original-feature-quantity regenerating section 41, the original-feature-quantity accumulating part 42, the difference judgment part 43, and the difference decision-output part 44.

[0022] The image input part 31 saves the document image data which read and obtained the paper document published by the issuing device 1 at the inputted image accumulating part 32 including a scanner. The characteristic quantity

imaging range specific part 33 pinpoints the field of a feature quantity image extracts the coordinate value from the document data saved at the inputted image accumulating part 32 and saves it at the characteristic quantity imaging range coordinates accumulating part 34. The original image restoration part 35 creates the picture which made blank the field saved at the characteristic quantity imaging range coordinates accumulating part 34 to the document image data saved at the inputted image accumulating part 32 and saves it at the original image storage part 36.

[0023] In accordance with the calculating method same about the document image data saved at the original image storage part 36 as the feature calculation part 13 of the issuing device 1 the feature calculation part 37 computes characteristic quantity about each character string in a document and saves it as characteristic quantity information at the characteristic quantity accumulating part 38. From the document image data saved at the inputted image accumulating part 32 the feature image slicing part 39 starts the picture of the coordinates saved at the characteristic quantity imaging range coordinates accumulating part 34 and saves it at the characteristic quantity image storage part 40.

[0024] The original-feature-quantity regenerating section 41 reproduces characteristic quantity information from the feature quantity image saved at the characteristic quantity image storage part 40 and saves it at the original-feature-quantity accumulating part 42. The difference judgment part 43 compares the characteristic quantity information saved at the characteristic quantity accumulating part 38 and the characteristic quantity information saved at the original-feature-quantity accumulating part 42 and judges the existence of an alteration of a paper document based on a collated result. The difference decision-output part 44 outputs the decision result by the difference judgment part 43.

[0025] Next calculation processing of the characteristic quantity by the feature calculation parts 13 and 37 is explained. First the feature calculation parts 13 and 37 determine the frame f1 which includes all the character strings in the document of a processing object. And an upper left corner point is made into the starting point about the frame f1 and the XY plane coordinate system which sets [the coordinates of a top right corner point] the coordinates of (010000) and a lower right corner point to (1000010000) for the coordinates of (100000) and a lower left corner point is set up as standard coordinates.

[0026] Next the feature calculation parts 13 and 37 calculate the characteristic quantity (xyhwd1d2d3d4) which consists of eight elements about each character string in a document. The coordinate value (xy) in the standard coordinates of the minimum rectangular upper left corner point where each element of this characteristic quantity surrounds an object character string the dip in minimum rectangular standard coordinates and breadth (hw) surrounding an object character string the black pixel density (d1d2d3d4) within each divided rectangle at the time of quadrisectioning minimum rectangular [surrounding an object character string] into a lengthwise direction and each** et al.-- *****. Among these it asks

for the black pixel densities d_1 – d_4 using a following formula.

The number of d_i = black pixels / total pixel number $\times 10000$ ($i = 1, 2, 3, 4$)

[0027] Thus even if the read resolution of a scanner changes by normalizing using standard coordinates about characteristic quantity a coordinate value (xy) a dip and breadth (hw) do not change a lot. Influence is made hard to be influenced also about black pixel density ($d_1 d_2 d_3 d_4$) since the number of black pixels also changes according to it although the pixel number of a reading area changes [change / of the read resolution of a scanner].

[0028] For example in calculating characteristic quantity about a list as shown in drawing 2 The feature calculation parts 13 and 37 determine the frame f_1 containing all the character strings about the frame f_1 make an upper left corner point the starting point and set up the standard coordinates which set [a top right corner point] (010000) and a lower right corner point to (1000010000) for (100000) and a lower left corner point. And characteristic quantity ($xy h w d_1 d_2 d_3 d_4$) is calculated respectively about each character string "estimate" in this document Southeast Business-affairs Messrs.x, Inc. xx etc.

[0029] For example as the character string "Southeast Business-affairs Messrs." is shown in drawing 3 (a) it asks for a coordinate value (810 – 1380) and the dip and breadth (1450 – 7800) of an upper left corner point about minimum rectangular [surrounding a character string "Southeast Business-affairs Messrs."]. As shown in drawing 3 (b) it asks for the black pixel density (350281201192) within each rectangle into which it was divided at the time of quadrisecting minimum rectangular [surrounding a character string "Southeast Business-affairs Messrs."] into a lengthwise direction using the above-mentioned formula. And based on each calculated numerical value the characteristic quantity (810 – 1380 1450 7800 350281201192) of a character string "Southeast Business-affairs Messrs." is calculated.

[0030] Next the decision processing of the existence of an alteration of the paper document by the difference judgment part 43 is explained. In this decision processing the characteristic quantity (the issue side characteristic quantity) acquired from the feature quantity image in a paper document and the characteristic quantity (receiving area characteristic quantity) computed about the document which removed the feature quantity image from the issued document are measured and it is judged whether that difference is within the limits of predetermined. It is distinguished whether all the 1st 2nd and 3rd conditional expression shown below for example is specifically filled about the issue side characteristic quantity and receiving area characteristic quantity which were calculated about each character string in a document. And when the 1st – the 3rd conditional expression are filled about the characteristic quantity of all the character strings it judges with the paper document not being altered.

[0031] (1) height $h / (\max(\text{height [of the issue side characteristic quantity] } h, \text{height [of receiving area characteristic quantity] } h)) < [\text{ of the height } h - \text{receiving area characteristic quantity of the 1st conditional expression } | \text{ issue side characteristic quantity }] \alpha$ (2) -- width $w / (\max(\text{the width } w \text{ of the issue side$

characteristic quantity.) of the width w -receiving area characteristic quantity of the 2nd conditional expression | issue side characteristic quantity About i ($i = 1-4$) of all the width $w < \alpha$ (3) 3rd conditional expression of receiving area characteristic quantity it is black pixel density $d_i / (\max(\text{black pixel density [of the issue side characteristic quantity] } d_{i\text{black pixel density } d_i \text{ of receiving area characteristic quantity})) < \beta$ of the black pixel density d_i -receiving area characteristic quantity of the | issue side characteristic quantity. [0032] α and β which are used by the 1st – the 3rd conditional expression are a parameter and it is desirable to use the proper numerical value acquired by experiment etc. For example the issue side when the read resolution of the scanner of a receiving area is the same α may use 0.03 and β may use the numerical value of the 0.04 neighborhoods.

[0033] Next in this system it is a document issue-side and a paper document is published and with reference to drawing 4 it explains flowing into processing until the paper document is carried into a receiving area and receives attestation.

[0034] First the issuing device 1 by the side of issue reads the set paper document D1 with a scanner etc. and generates the document image data D2. Next the issuing device 1 computes the characteristic quantity D3 about each character string contained in the generated document image data D2. The issuing device 1 images the computed characteristic quantity D3 and generates the feature quantity image D4. Next the issuing device 1 sticks the feature quantity image D4 on the document image data D2 generates and prints the document image data D5 for transfer and draws up the paper document D6 for transfer.

[0035] The paper document D6 published by the issuing device 1 at the issue side is passed to a receiving area. In a receiving area in order to verify the existence of an alteration of the received document a document is set in the authentication device 3 of a receiving area.

[0036] The authentication device 3 reads the set paper document D6 with a scanner etc. and creates the document image data D7. Next the authentication device 3 extracts the feature quantity image D8 from the document image data D7 and reproduces the characteristic quantity (original feature quantity) D9 from the feature quantity image D8 further. The authentication device 3 separates the feature quantity image D8 from the document image data D7 generates the original document image D10 which made blank the portion of the feature quantity image D8 and computes the characteristic quantity D11 about this original document image D10.

[0037] Next the authentication device 3 performs comparison processing using the conditional expression mentioned above for example about the original feature quantity D9 created from the feature quantity image in it about the paper document received from the issue side and the characteristic quantity D11 created based on the document image which separated and obtained the feature quantity image D8 from the document image. And when it judges with the measured characteristic quantity being mostly in agreement the contents of the document passed to the receiving area are outputted as D12 as a result of alteration

verification are not altered. When the difference in the measured characteristic quantity exceeds a prescribed range it outputs as D12 as a result of alteration verification of that the contents of the document are altered.

[0038] Thus the characteristic quantity which is not influenced by the resolution of a scanner etc. is calculated about characterizing portions such as a character string in a document and the paper document which stuck this information on the document is published. And in a receiving area the characteristic quantity obtained from the stuck information and the characteristic quantity acquired from the document except the information on characteristic quantity are compared it distinguishes whether these are mostly in agreement and the existence of an alteration is verified. Thereby when exchanging a paper document a proper document can be attested without being influenced by the dirt adhering to paper the difference in the resolution of the scanner of the issue side and a receiving area etc.

[0039] A bar code a two-dimensional bar code etc. may be used for a feature quantity image. For example it is a case where a feature quantity image is made into a bar code and in the case of a list as the document for transfer shows to drawing 2 since there are ten character strings in a document ten bar codes based on the characteristic quantity of each character string will be stuck as a feature quantity image.

[0040] A third party adding an alteration to original document image data about the paper document published by the issuing device 1 generating characteristic quantity based on the document image data after an alteration and generating unjustly the paper document which stuck the feature quantity image based on the characteristic quantity is also considered. For this reason it may be made to prevent effectively an alteration of the third party who does not have a publisher's secret key using a public-key crypto system by a receiving area the issue side. In the issuing device 1 the computed characteristic quantity is enciphered with a publisher's secret key a feature quantity image is generated from the enciphered data it sticks on document image data and specifically a paper document is generated. On the other hand in the authentication device 3 the data obtained from the feature quantity image of the received paper document is decrypted by a publisher's public key original feature quantity is reproduced and comparison processing with the characteristic quantity acquired from the original document image except a feature quantity image is performed.

[0041] This document's authentication system can be applied when it is the versatility for which to verify the justification of a paper document is needed. For example when third parties such as an automobile inspection administration building attest the resident card which the government office published in paper the issuing device 1 in a government office publishes a resident card in paper. The characteristic quantity enciphered with the secret key of the government office is attached to this resident card as feature quantity image such as a two dimensions bar code. The residents who received the resident card submit the resident card to an automobile inspection administration building for example at the time of

automobile registration. The authentication device 3 of an automobile inspection administration building reads the set resident card compares the characteristic quantity (original feature quantity) which decrypted and obtained the data acquired from the feature quantity image by the public key of the government office and the characteristic quantity acquired from the original document image and distinguishes the existence of an alteration. For example when an alteration is added to a document and the feature quantity image is not changed an alteration is detected based on the collated result of the characteristic quantity in the authentication device 3. Since residents do not understand the secret key of a government office even if residents are going to change a feature quantity image at the time of an alteration injustice will be detected when change is made.

[0042] Also except the above-mentioned procedure residents can print the document image data which came to hand from the government office for example via the Internet with the printer of a house it can bring in an automobile inspection administration building and attestation can also be received. Residents may be made to acquire document image data from a government office using a facsimile.

[0043] The documents authentication system concerning this invention is applicable not only to the documents in paper but the electronized document data. In this case the issuing device 1 is provided with the transmission section which transmits the document image data in which the feature quantity image generated by the outputted image generation part 17 was stuck to the authentication device 3. The authentication device 3 receives the document image data from the issuing device 1 and is provided with the receive section which saves at the inputted image accumulating part 32.

[0044] The processing-object documents of the documents authentication system of this invention are not limited to a document. For example when processing-object documents are drawings the issuing device 1 About each figure on a document compute characteristic quantity like the above output the document etc. which stuck the feature quantity image based on the characteristic quantity and the authentication device 3 The characteristic quantity obtained from the feature quantity image in the received document and the characteristic quantity acquired from the picture which removed the feature quantity image from the picture of the document are compared and the existence of an alteration is distinguished.

[0045] Although characteristic quantity is generated about the character string of a document in the above-mentioned examples respectively this is an example and the unit which generates characteristic quantity is arbitrary. The characteristic quantity in the above-mentioned example is an example and what is necessary is to just be influenced by the difference of the picture by the accuracy of a scanner etc.

[0046] In calculation processing of characteristic quantity although both the X coordinate values of the top right corner point of the frame f1 and Y coordinate values of a lower left corner point containing all the character strings in a document were set to 10000 this is an example and can take arbitrary numerical values. Other formulas may be used also about the formula of the number of black

pixels.

[0047] About the characteristic quantity in the above-mentioned explanation it may be made to use a part of component and also other elements may be added. The conditional expression used for comparison of the characteristic quantity in the above-mentioned explanation is an example and may use other conditional expressions or other judging methods etc.

[0048] The documents authentication system of this invention cannot be based on a system for exclusive use but can be realized using the usual computer system. For example, the issuing device 1 and authentication device 3, which perform above-mentioned processing, can be constituted by installing this program from the media (a floppy (registered trademark) disk, CD-ROM etc.) which stored the program for performing above-mentioned operation in the computer. An above-mentioned function may be stored only through portions other than OS when OS is realized by cooperation of an assignment or OS and application.

[0049] It is also possible to superimpose a program on a subcarrier and to distribute via a communication network. For example, this program may be put up for the bulletin board (BBS) of a communication network and this may be distributed via a network. And above-mentioned processing can be performed by starting this program and making it perform like other application programs under control of OS.

[0050]

[Effect of the Invention] As explained above according to this invention, by the document issuing side, stick the characteristic information created about the feature section of documents on a document's picture and by a document's receiving area. The existence of an alteration is verifiable by comparing the characteristic information created about the document's picture except the stuck characteristic information and the stuck characteristic information. When exchanging especially documents in paper by using the characteristic information created about the feature section of documents, proper documents can be attested without being influenced by the dirt adhering to paper etc.

DESCRIPTION OF DRAWINGS

[Brief Description of the Drawings]

[Drawing 1] It is a system configuration figure of the documents authentication system concerning an embodiment of the invention.

[Drawing 2] When acquiring characteristic quantity, it is a figure for explaining the standard coordinates set up to a document.

[Drawing 3] It is a figure for explaining the acquisition method of characteristic quantity concretely.

[Drawing 4] In the documents authentication system of drawing 1, it is a figure for explaining the flow of processing until the published paper document receives attestation.

[Description of Notations]

- 1 Issuing device
 - 11 Image input part
 - 12 Inputted image accumulating part
 - 13 Feature calculation part
 - 14 Feature accumulating part
 - 15 Characteristic quantity imaging part
 - 16 Characteristic quantity image storage part
 - 17 Outputted image generation part
 - 18 Image output part
 - 3 Authentication device
 - 31 Image input part
 - 32 Inputted image accumulating part
 - 33 Characteristic quantity imaging range specific part
 - 34 Characteristic quantity imaging range coordinates accumulating part
 - 35 Original image restoration part
 - 36 Original image storage part
 - 37 Feature calculation part
 - 38 Characteristic quantity accumulating part
 - 39 Feature quantity image slicing part
 - 40 Characteristic quantity image storage part
 - 41 Original-feature-quantity regenerating section
 - 42 Original-feature-quantity accumulating part
 - 43 Difference judgment part
 - 44 Difference decision-output part
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